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CANAL LIVRE Brazilian police say they are hunting for a TV crime show host and former state legislator who is accused of commissioning killings to boost ratings.

Agents say they haven't yet been able to find Wallace Souza and they are staking out an airport in Manaus.

Authorities say the 51-year-old Souza orchestrated five killings to increase ratings for his Canal Livre show that featured graphic footage of crime victims. He has not yet been charged in those killings, however. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Jonas Gustavsson got his first NHL start last night as the Leafs faced off against the rival Ottawa Senators at the Air Canada Centre. The Leafs lost 2-1 and have yet to get their first win in the new campaign. Story, page 15.

Exclusive no more

iPhone will be offered by Bell, Telus starting in November

Bell Mobility and Telus will begin offering two models of the Apple iPhone in November, giving Canadians three carriers to choose from and putting added pressure on rival Rogers Wireless, the two companies announced yesterday.

Rogers has been exclusively offering the iPhone touch-screen mobile phone since July 2008 due to its advanced wireless network.

It remains to be seen what will happen to Canadian prices for iPhones and related wireless services now that Rogers has lost its exclusivity.

Telus spokesman Jim Johannsson said details on pricing and rate plans will be out in the coming weeks and consumers will have choices. "We're anticipating the market will be competitive," Johannsson said.

It's been anticipated for months that Canada's No. 2 and No. 3 wireless companies after Rogers would begin offering Apple smartphones once they rolled out their new wireless networks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caplan steps down ahead of eHealth spending report

POLITICS The Canadian Press has learned Ontario's health minister has resigned on the eve of a report into spending scandals at an agency tasked with creating electronic health records.

A health ministry spokesman confirmed late last night that David Caplan would officially step down as health minister this morning.

A spokesman for the province said that McGuinty will only offer the government's reaction to the eHealth report today at a news conference that was originally scheduled to be Caplan's event.

Sources say Caplan quit because of what will be in the auditor general's report, which is expected to detail the $1 billion Ontario has spent over 10 years trying to create electronic health records.

The opposition parties have been demanding Caplan's head since a litany of details surfaced about millions of dollars in untendered contracts awarded to consultants as well as questionable expenses at eHealth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sex-trade laws on trial

Court told legislation endangers women plying legal trade

Canada's prostitution laws have created a "sinister" dilemma for sex-trade workers by forcing them off the streets while forbidding them from moving indoors, an Ontario court heard yesterday.

Pressing to have the laws thrown out, a lawyer for three sex-trade workers argued that provisions outlawing communication for the purposes of prostitution, living off the avails, and keeping a bawdy house are contributing to the horrific violence women often face while plying a legal trade.

> **"This is not about a right to sell sex ... It's about a right to liberty and security."**
> Alan Young, lawyer

"This is not about a right to sell sex — you can sell sex," lawyer Alan Young told Ontario Superior Court. "It's about a right to liberty and security."

Young stressed the constitutional challenge is not about a moral evaluation of the sex trade. Nor does it quibble with the "classic" pimping provisions designed to prevent exploitation of women or rules aimed at protecting children.

Body guards, drivers, business partners, or even roommates may all find themselves ensnared by the laws because of their relationship with a prostitute, Young told Justice Susan Himel, who is hearing the week-long case.

Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford, whose "bondage bungalow" case garnered headlines in the mid 1990s, Val Scott, an activist sex-trade worker, and Amy Lebovitch, a prostitute who works from home, are challenging the provisions as unconstitutional.

Groups opposed to prostitution are intervening in the case. Ranjan Agarwal, a lawyer acting for the Christian Legal Fellowship, the Catholic Civil Rights League and REAL Women of Canada, said Canadians don't believe that prostitution is a legitimate activity even though sex for money is legal in Canada.

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Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford, carrying a riding crop, arrives at Ontario Superior Court in Toronto yesterday with sex workers advocate Valerie Scott.

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Help on way to pay for legal expenses

INSURANCE A company with a long history of providing "legal expense insurance" in Europe is seeking approval to sell its product to Canadians, many of whom are just one legal problem away from bankruptcy.

The federal government's superintendent of financial institutions has been asked to approve a plan that would allow Canadians to purchase insurance premiums for less than $500 a year, which would cover up to $100,000 in legal expenses, including the cost of a lawyer preparing and arguing a case court.

> **$60,000** The cost of a routine civil trial — more than most Canadian families earn in a year

The types of cases covered could include wrongful dismissal and other employment disputes, tax problems, personal injury claims and property fights with neighbours, according to Barbara Haynes, chief executive officer of DAS Canada, the Canadian arm of the German company asking for the right to do business here. Family law cases, however, would not be covered.

DAS hopes to start selling policies early next year in Ontario, followed by Alberta and British Columbia. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tunnel link to island airport dead?

STIMULUS The proposed $38 million tunnel to the island airport is effectively dead after the Toronto Port Authority announced it couldn't be built in time to meet deadlines for stimulus funding.

Or so some critics say. Others say the controversial idea could be resurrected, perhaps soon.

"There is now insufficient time for the (port authority) to be assured that it will be able to meet the federal government's deadline for 'substantial completion' by March 2011," Alan Paul, the port's acting president and CEO, said in a news release yesterday.

Federal Transport and Infrastructure Minister John Baird said he still fully supports the project and doesn't believe the decision kills the idea forever.

Some have speculated that with Mayor David Miller — a fierce opponent of any kind of "fixed link" between the mainland and the island — not running for re-election, the port authority might be cancelling the tunnel plan in a bid to revive the idea of a bridge. John Tory, who is mulling a mayoral bid next year, has supported a bridge to the island in the past. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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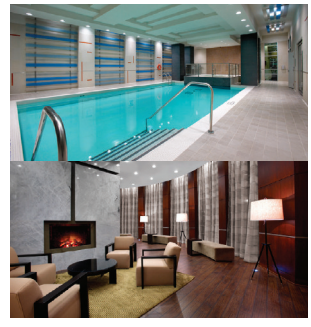

McCormack new police union chief
"Big" Michael McCormack, the son of a former Toronto police chief, was elected president of the Toronto Police Association in a close election last night. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City must move on bike lanes: Councillor

TRANSPORTATION Toronto needs to set harder targets and "draconian deadlines" to get an adequate network of bicycle lanes in place across the city, says the chair of the city's cycling committee.

Councillor Adrian Heaps (Ward 35, Scarborough Southwest) told the works committee that the city's staff still "have some distance to travel" in accepting that bike lanes need to go in quickly.

The bike plan approved in 2001 called for 1,000 kilometres of new bike paths and trails by 2011. But less than half that goal has been met, and the target date has been extended to 2013.

"We still have a way to go in terms of full acceptance, and full integration, of the cycling philosophy into the transportation plan," Heaps said. One problem is there aren't enough firm deadlines, he said.

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ROM chef **Following the herd**

OHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Teddy Corrado, executive chef at the ROM's C5 restaurant, tries his hand at milking a cow outside the museum yesterday as Norma Winters of the Dairy Farmers of Ontario looks on. Farmers partnered with the ROM to urge consumers to buy products made with real milk.

Khadr breaks down during testimony

Terror suspect claims he was tortured, threatened

Abdullah Khadr broke down in a Toronto court yesterday saying he told authorities in Pakistan that he had bought weapons for al-Qaida because he feared if he didn't say that his sister would be raped.

The 28-year-old, who is fighting extradition to the United States on terrorism charges, said he invented stories because it was the only way to stop his alleged torture by Pakistani and American officials.

Khadr alleges in an affidavit that during his 14 months in detention, Pakistani officers beat him and penetrated him with a stick and American officials threatened to arrest his sister and have done to her what had been done to him. While testifying, the eldest son of the infamous Khadr family became choked up and appeared to wipe away tears. His mother, who was in the body of the court, could be heard fighting back tears.

> **"(The Americans) told me that if I didn't confess ... they would bring my sister and do terrible things."**
> Abdullah Khadr

"(The Americans) told me that if I didn't confess ... they would bring my sister and do terrible things," Khadr told Crown prosecutor Howard Piafsky. According to an FBI affidavit, the interview team "never threatened to harm or retaliate against Khadr."

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Teacher trial now underway

COURTS The trial of a former Peterborough, Ont., high school teacher who faces 15 sex charges involving former students is underway.

Seven former students were named as the charges against Alexander Clachers were read out in court.

The charges cover more than 15 years.

Allegations concerning Clachers' behaviour first came to light in 2001 but at the time the Crown didn't think they would hold up in court.

Then in the summer of 2008 a student came forward with fresh allegations, followed by six others over the fall and winter.

The trial is expected to last about two weeks.

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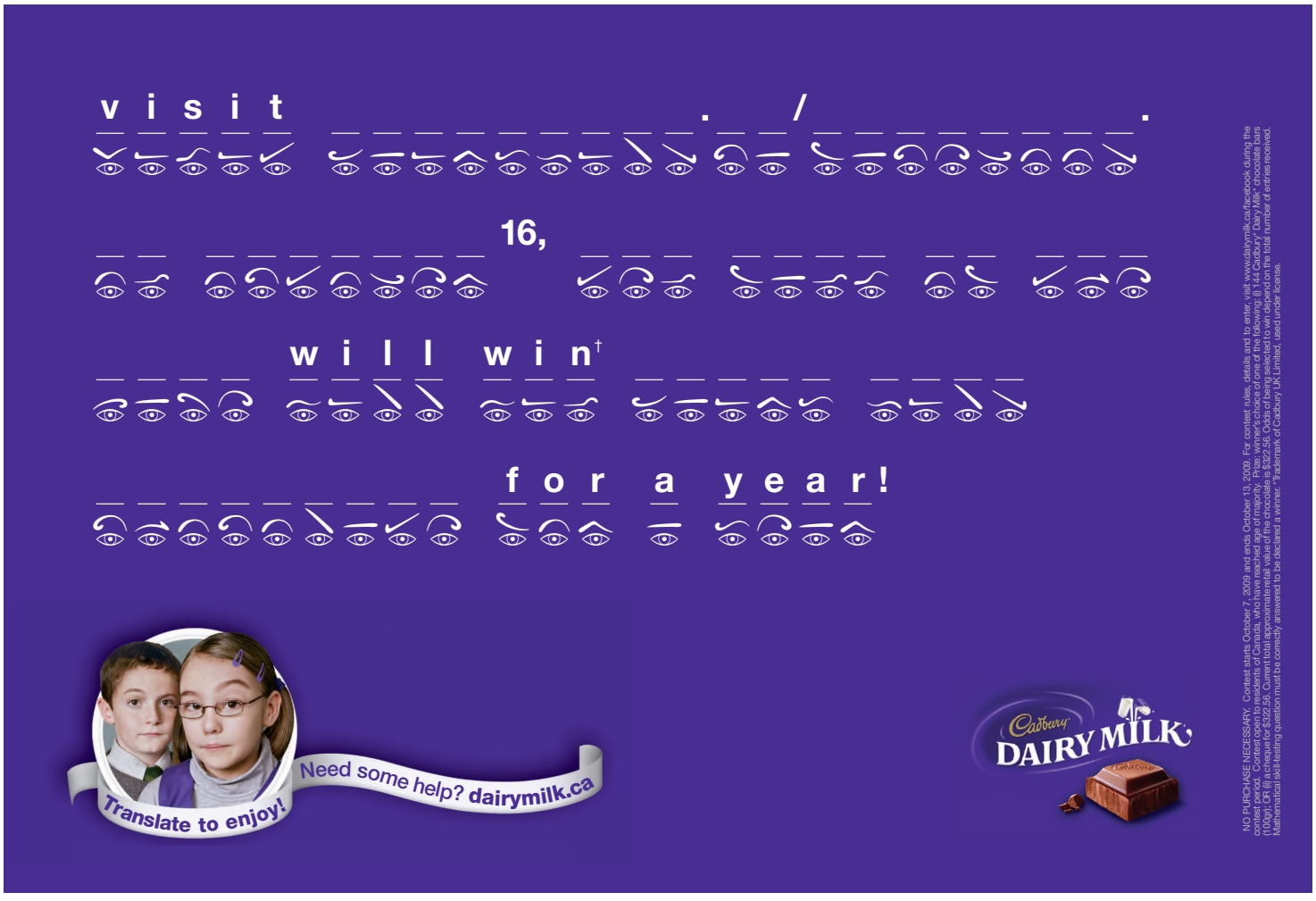
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Collision reduces Gardiner to single lane

Traffic on the eastbound Gardiner Expressway was reduced to one lane yesterday after a two-car collision caused a car to end up on its roof. The crash happened just west of Jameson Avenue around 9 a.m. Toronto Fire said there were only minor injuries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Settle Mohamud suit: Libs

Want apology for treatment of woman stranded in Kenya

The Liberals want the Harper government to settle a $2-million lawsuit and apologize to a Toronto woman who was left stranded in Kenya.

The Opposition party also suggested yesterday the Prime Minister's Office knew about Suaad Mohamud's plight since Canada Day — much sooner than earlier indicated — but didn't act for weeks afterward to get her home.

Mohamud is suing the government, alleging "callous and reckless" treatment by Canadian officials.

While extremely rare for the prime minister to get involved in a consular case, Stephen Harper did get involved in the Mohamud file, he told the Commons.

"I did in early August. I asked that Ms. Mohamud be brought back to Canada," said Harper.

The Liberals based their accusations on an examination of government documents, including emails, in the Mohamud case.

Two emails were sent July 1 by the director of communications for Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon, requesting media lines for the prime minister in response to a Toronto Star article on Mohamud published that morning, said the Liberals.

"These documents reveal a shocking indifference by Mr. Harper," said Liberal MP Joe Volpe.

"They show government officials scrambling to keep media and elected officials at bay — while doing nothing to help Ms. Mohamud — with Prime Minister Harper in the loop for a full six weeks of inaction."

Mohamud was allowed to return to Canada in August, but only after she was stranded in Kenya for three months and only after court-ordered DNA tests proved her identity.

Ottawa is fighting Mohamud's suit, with a statement of defence that includes testimonials from Canadian officials who had maintained that Mohamud was an impostor.

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Liberal Foreign Affairs Critic Bob Rae, left, speaks in Ottawa yesterday, regarding the Conservative government's treatment of Suaad Mohamud, who is pictured on the screen.

Mayor McCallion makes appearance on Regis show

TV She laughed, joked, even sang.

Days after Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion found herself facing a judicial inquiry into allegations of conflict of interest, she was enjoying repartee with Regis Philbin.

Hazel McCallion

On Saturday, she was in the audience at Casino Rama, where Philbin — of the New York-based Live with Regis and Kelly show — was performing. He recognized her, called her on stage and the two crooned part of You Made Me Love You to loud cheers.

Yesterday morning, McCallion was on Live With Regis and Kelly.

Dressed in a black suit with a black and pink scarf around her neck, she looked at ease as she bantered lightly with the two hosts, sitting in the audience as Philbin introduced her as the 88-year-old mayor of the town "adjacent to Toronto."

McCallion is in New York City for a conference, executive assistant Carol Horvat said.

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News in brief

SENTENCE A pair of men pleaded guilty to kidnapping, threatening and assault charges yesterday relating to a two-day long ordeal endured by a couple in Richmond Hill. Bebi Moldovan, 33, was sentence to five years and Stefan Gozav, 36, to three years and four months.

GARBAGE A waste haulage company is considering its legal options after Toronto threw out its bid to truck garbage to the Green Lane landfill site, even though its bid was for $25 million less than the competition's.

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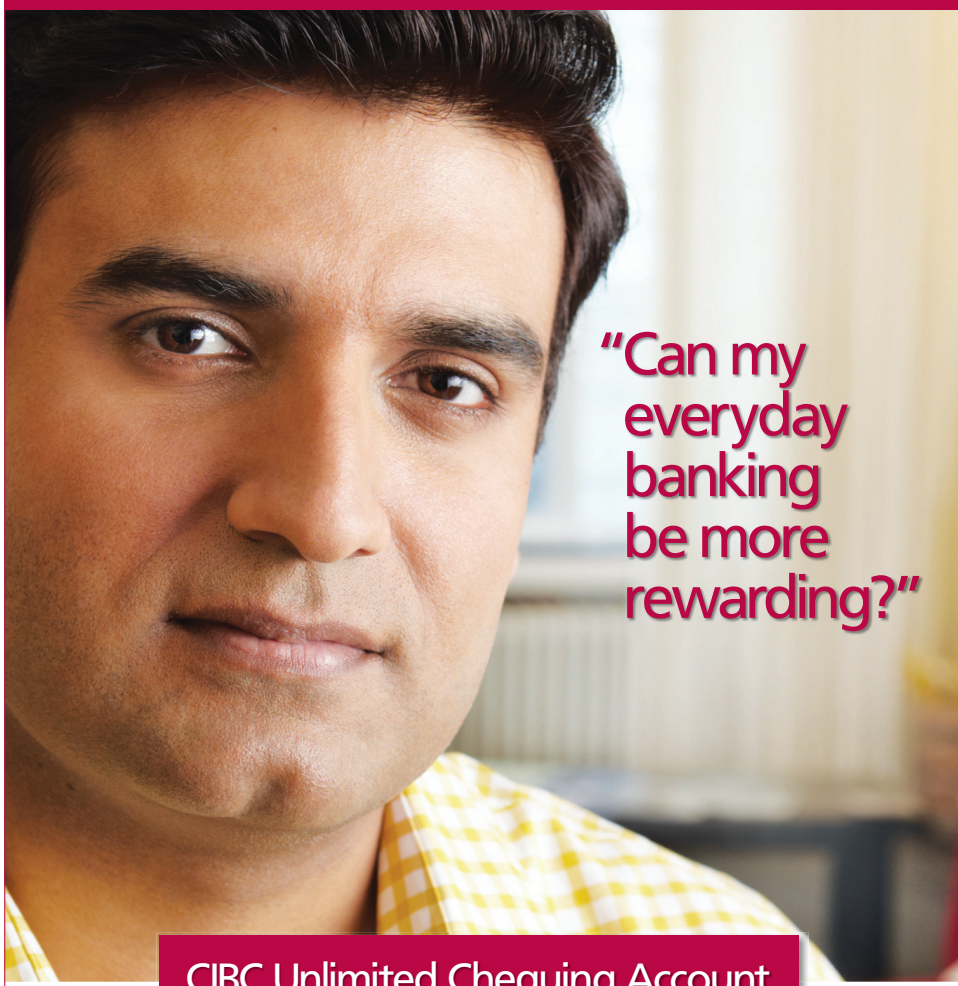

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Flaherty finance minister of the year: Magazine

Jim Flaherty is the finance minister of the year, according to an influential European economic magazine. Euromoney magazine presented the award to the Canadian finance minister yesterday in Turkey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Space-visit tab could hit $50M

The final tab for Guy Laliberte's visit to the International Space Station could rise to $50 million after this week's elaborate international show linking the Cirque du soleil founder with his terrestrial counterparts. Cirque officials confirmed their boss would get hit with another bill after Friday's spectacle, which will see 42 performers, 14 cities and five continents linked to a video show hosted from the space station. THE CANADIAN PRESS

N.S. resident shares Nobel physics prize

SCIENCE It was announced yesterday that a Canadian is sharing the 2009 Nobel Prize in physics for work he did 40 years ago.

Willard Boyle, 85, is sharing the prestigious award with Americans George E. Smith and Charles K. Kao.

Willard Boyle

Boyle, who was born and raised in Amherst, N.S., and now lives in Halifax, invented with Smith an imaging semiconductor circuit known as the CCD sensor. The device is the eye of digital cameras and is also used in delicate surgical instruments.

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System failed victim?

Child-porn claim may have gone ignored: Archbishop

The archbishop of St. John's says police and the Roman Catholic Church may have failed a Newfoundland man who alleged two decades ago that he found pornographic images of children in the house of a priest who later became a bishop and now faces child-pornography charges in Ottawa.

Archbishop Martin Currie acknowledged in an interview yesterday that officials may have done little to investigate a claim by Shane Earle that he saw pornographic magazines in the home of Raymond Lahey.

"It seems that perhaps the whole system — the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, the social services and the church — perhaps everyone failed Shane Earle and for that I'm very sorry," Currie said from St. John's.

"You'd think they would have made a closer look at it."

Earle, then a 16-year-old boy whose treatment at the Mount Cashel orphanage led to a public inquiry, said he became a close friend of Lahey's in the mid-1980s as he sought out someone he could trust.

Earle said Lahey became a confidante who took him to the beach, for drives and regularly had him over to his house in Mount Pearl, where the young man felt free to discuss his troubles at the notorious orphanage.

Earle alleges that all changed when he made a routine visit to Lahey's house when the priest wasn't home. He said he discovered a stack of magazines of sexually aroused teen boys and explicit videos in his bedroom.

Years later and after he was treated for depression, Earle claims he told police and another local priest, Rev. Kevin Molloy, about what he allegedly saw.

Molloy has said he informed the archbishop at the time, Alphonsus Penney, of the allegation, but that he didn't know what he did with the information, if anything.

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Ottawa **Happy anniversary**

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Quebec Liberal MP Marc Garneau was surprised in Ottawa on Monday by a room full of friends and fellow MPs to commemorate his first space flight 25 years ago.

News in brief

EMPLOYMENT Canada's youth jobless rate has soared under the economic pressures of the past year and even the lucrative summer months were a bust with young people's hours of work hitting 30-year lows, a report released yesterday said. Canada's Vital Signs 2009 said youth unemployment rose from 10.7 per cent in January 2008 to 16.3 per cent by this summer.

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Government trying to streamline refugee system
The government is preparing legislation to streamline the refugee system and help remove a large backlog of applications. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Food banks seeing higher demand

The economic downturn has forced more Canadians to turn to food banks and feeding programs, says a new report from the Salvation Army.

The organization, billed as the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in Canada, has more than 275 food banks and feeding programs across Canada.

A survey of staff across the country found that 72 per cent of respondents said demand for food services has increased during the last 12 months. About 40 per cent said food donations have declined, while 23 per cent noted an increase, according to results released yesterday. Almost 24 per cent said donations had remained the same.

"Everything that's coming in is immediately getting packed into food packages to give out to families as they're coming through," said Linda Wilson, a frontline Salvation Army worker in Windsor, Ont., which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

"It's a little bit frightening for us to think about how we're going to meet the need, and we don't see anything changing any time soon."

She has seen a 25 per cent increase in demand for services — and there are 18 other food banks in Windsor.

Salvation Army spokesperson Andrew Burditt said a package of pasta, which many people take for granted, can go a long way — as can a package of rice or a couple cans of soup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rising numbers

- Salvation Army isn't the only provider of services seeing greater demand. The Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank said it has seen a 40 per cent rise in demand since September 2008, going from 89,000 to 124,000 clients.

Ontario urged to shield citizen groups from suits

CRITICISM Ontario must shield residents from huge lawsuits aimed at silencing opposition to local projects if it wants to fix a land use planning system that's "hugely weighted" in favour of big developers, the province's environmental commissioner said.

The government should introduce legislation that would shield citizen groups fighting to protect natural areas from intimidating legal tactics, such as SLAPP — Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation — lawsuits, Gord Miller said in his annual report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rich must help poor in environmental fight: EU, Brazil

The European Union and Brazil agreed yesterday that an international deal at the end of this year to reverse global warming needs to contain legally binding commitments by rich countries to provide robust financial and other aid for poor nations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

UN appeals for aid for Philippines

The United Nations is appealing for $74 million US to aid flood victims in the Philippines. UN spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs says the money is needed to help one million people severely affected by the flooding resulting from Tropical Storm Ketsana. The appeal to donors was issued yesterday in Geneva and corresponds with the Philippines assessment of its needs for further assistance.

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2M childbirth deaths: Report

SOUTH AFRICA More than two million babies and mothers die worldwide each year from childbirth complications, outnumbering child deaths from malaria and HIV/AIDS, according to a study released yesterday.

The study, launched at the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics world congress in Cape Town, also showed that such deaths could be easily avoided. Some 1.02 million babies are stillborn and another 904,000 die soon after birth. By comparison, 208,000 die from HIV/AIDS worldwide. About 42 per cent of the world's 536,000 maternal deaths also occur during childbirth, according to the study. Deaths in Africa and South Asia account for three-quarters of the maternal and infant deaths.

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Tensions high in Jerusalem

Israeli police mobilized reinforcements from across the country to secure volatile Jerusalem yesterday, deploying thousands of officers on city streets for fear that two days of minor clashes with Palestinian protesters would escalate.

By nightfall, no serious clashes had developed, and an Israeli Muslim leader was arrested on suspicion of helping spark the tension.

Rumours that Jewish extremists planned to march on the most sacred Muslim and Jewish shrine in the Holy Land apparently fueled the unrest in Jerusalem, the city at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. No such march has taken place.

But the low-level violence has inflamed political and religious passions, stoked reports in the Israeli and Arab media and laid bare once again just how much of a tinderbox Jerusalem is.

The weeklong Jewish holiday of Sukkot, which draws many visitors to Jerusalem, has been the backdrop for the recent unrest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ohio It's the great pumpkin

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Christy Harp shows off her 1,725-pound Atlantic giant pumpkin. Harp took first place at the Ohio Valley Giant Pumpkin Growers annual weigh-off. Organizers say the entry topped the 1,689-pound record-holder grown in 2007 in Rhode Island.

News in brief

ISLAMABAD Pakistan braced yesterday for more militant attacks ahead of an anticipated offensive against a Taliban stronghold, as the insurgents said they bombed a United Nations relief agency because international aid work was not in "the interest of Muslims." The suicide bombing Monday at the World Food Program headquarters in Islamabad killed five people, prompting the UN to temporarily shut all its offices across the country. Helicopter gunships, jet fighters and artillery batteries pounded suspected militant hide-outs in South Waziristan yesterday, killing two militants.

AFGHANISTAN U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday ruled out shrinking the Afghanistan war into a counterterror campaign. Yet he did not signal whether he is prepared to send more troops to the war zone, either the 40,000 his top commander wants or a smaller buildup, according to officials.

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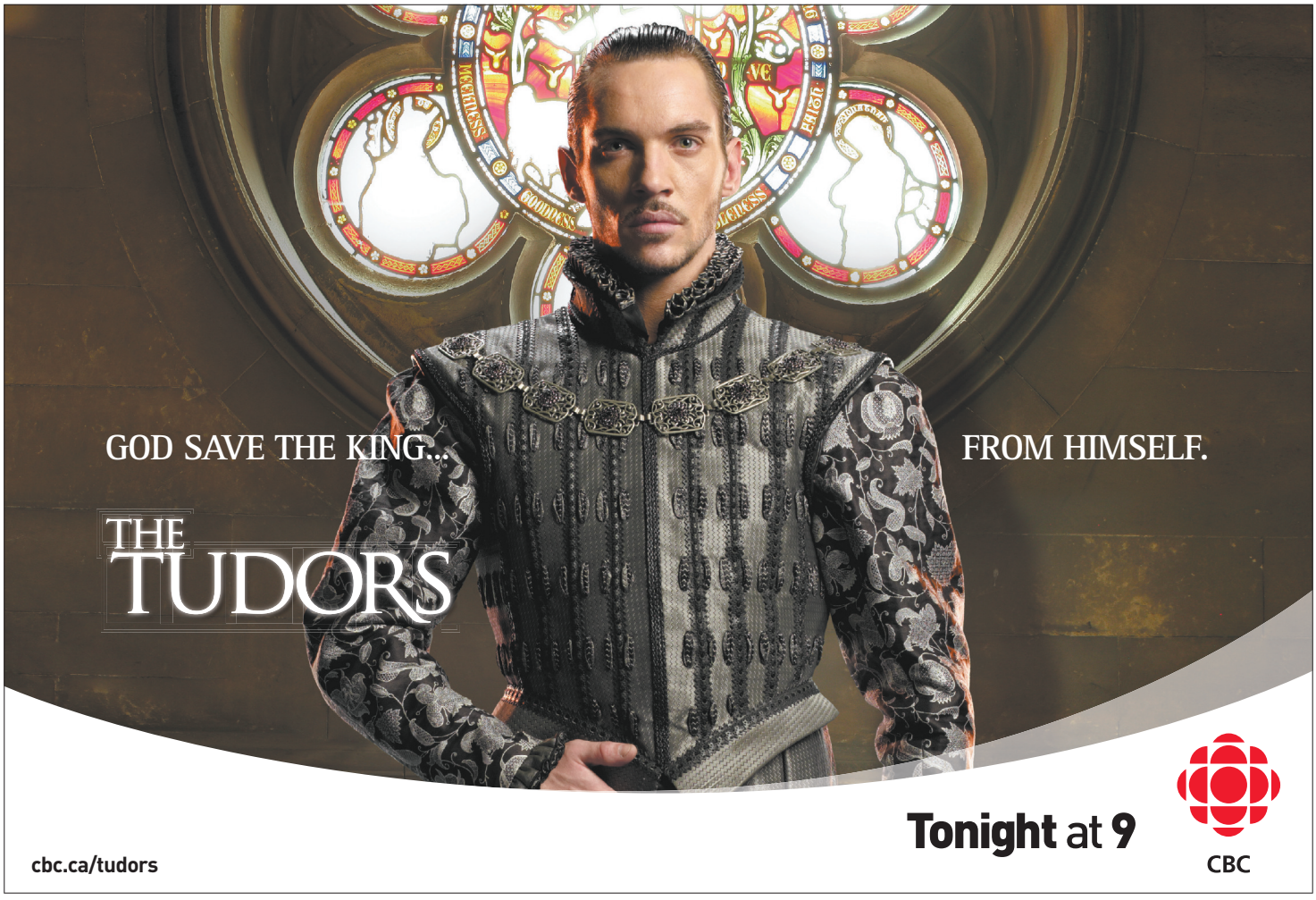

Russia **Unwed, but undaunted**

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Irina Fedotova-Fet, above, and Irina Shipitko are seen in Moscow yesterday. A court ruled against the women, who seek to become Russia's first legally married same-sex couple. They plan to marry in Canada later this month and fight the ruling.

U.K. cuts off Sri Lanka aid

Britain will stop funding projects at Sri Lankan camps where hundreds of thousands of war-displaced civilians are being held against their will, a minister said yesterday.

Sri Lanka is holding nearly 300,000 people who fled during the final months of the government's war with Tamil Tiger rebels, which ended in May. The government says it is releasing civilians as fast as it can, but the process is slow because it must screen out people with rebel connections.

Human rights groups have criticized the detentions as an illegal form of collective punishment and warned that the impending monsoon rains could lead to health crises in the packed, low-lying camps.

The U.K.'s international development minister, Mike Foster, expressed disappointment yesterday at the progress being made in releasing the displaced people, and said all British funding being used to run the camps would be withdrawn — other than what is needed to help with any emergency caused by rain.

Foster said money will only be released to aid groups engaged in helping people return to their homes.

"If we continue to fund day-to-day commitments of running of those camps, there is no incentive for the government to encourage people to leave the camps," he said.

Sri Lanka's government says it hopes to resettle everyone by January.

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300,000 The number of civilians still living in camps after fleeing fighting in Sri Lanka.

22,000 The number of people the government says it has resettled.

News in brief

WAR CRIMES Interpol agents have arrested one of the most wanted suspects in Rwanda's 1994 genocide. Former Rwandan deputy intelligence chief Idelphonse Nizeyimana was arrested in Kampala, Uganda, on Monday, authorities said. Nizeyimana is accused of sending soldiers to kill the Rwandan queen and other Tutsis.

DRUG GANGS Prosecutors say a gun battle between gangs fighting for control of an area near Mexico's border with Guatemala left seven people dead. Two women have been hospitalized with injuries suffered in the attack in a rural part of Chiapas state. The women apparently belonged to one of the gangs.

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Comment

We could learn from U.K. politics

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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Is it just me, or are Canadian politics dull and uninspiring? I'm in London getting a close-up of the blood sport known as politics in the U.K. It makes what we do in Canada look like Nerf politics.

It's political convention season in England. Add an upcoming national election (May 6, 2010), and the likely prospect hapless Gordon Brown and Labour will be swept by David Cameron and his new, improved Tories, and the frenzy is fevered. The fever is frenzied? Works either way.

Last week, PM Brown tried to storm off a TV set when the host asked if he was on meds. Sadly, his dramatic exit was thwarted by a lapel mike so he had to sit down and get unhooked.

Then came treachery from former ally Rupert Murdoch, whose Sun, the biggest paper in the U.K., declared for Cameron and his Tories: "Labour's Lost It!"roared the traitorous tab, causing a union leader to tear up a copy on the convention stage.

Gordon Brown

Then you have internecine warfare as Cameron fights off a challenge from fellow Tory and "euroskeptic" Boris Johnson, the mayor of London, who wants a referendum on the European Union, mainly because Labour archfiend Tony Blair could end up as the president of the EU at the precise moment the Tories ascend to power.

And the media! Even on a bad day — complicated by wedgies — Canadian inkstained wretches don't come close to the savage punditry displayed by the Brits on an "ordinary" day.

These guys make you gasp. Imagine a Canadian calling the cabinet "morons, sleazeballs and incompetents" as did the Telegraph's Simon Heffer. Or if Globe cartoonist Brian Gable had drawn Michael Ignatieff sporting bared breasts, as the Times did to David Cameron, under the title "Tory party conference pinup", with the caption: "Cameron enjoys the Sun but he has his knockers".

These U.K. media jackals may be crude, but they are invariably clever. And there are so many of them. Here, at least, there are no long lines of unemployed pundits. So every point of view is expressed … and expressed … and expressed.

The net effect is engaging. Politics matter almost as much as the soccer scores. People believe politicians can still be accountable, and the media aren't completely cowed. When was the last time someone asked a Canadian politician if he/she was on meds?

The net effect is also inspiring. Canadian morons, sleazeballs and incompetents, take note.

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Word on the street: Do the arrests of religious leaders have an impact on your beliefs?

Khadem Miah
age 48, Toronto
A: Anyone who does any kind of crimes, especially serious crimes, are not religious.

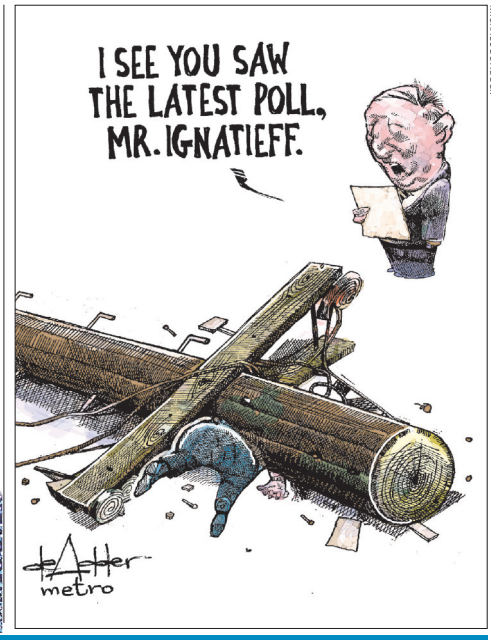
Julie Wu
age 21, Ottawa
A: If it affected me and my family, obviously I would feel some emotion for it, but it doesn't affect my beliefs. I'm not a very religious person.

Tanner Cormier
age 22, Toronto
A: If anything, it really fosters my opinion that there are problems within the Catholic church that need to be dealt with.

Jackie Pierce
age 49, Ottawa
A: The actions of one tormented individual have no effect on my underlying belief structure. I still believe. It's just one individual.

Maria Springer
age 45, Toronto
A: No. We all believe in what we want to believe in and everyone should be able to believe in what they want.

Nahielly Fernandez
age 20, Ottawa
A: I feel sorry for the families of the victims. It's a shame these things keep coming up, but it doesn't affect me. I'm not Catholic or anything.



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Media giant files for court protection

Canwest Global Communications Corp., owner of Global Television and the National Post newspaper, has received court approval for a bankruptcy restructuring that affects a chunk of its operations and puts the media company's ownership potentially into foreign hands.

The approval from Ontario's Superior Court of Justice starts the ball rolling for proceedings under the federal bankruptcy protection law for several major Canwest divisions, as the company works to restructure a mountain of debt.

The bankruptcy filing affects just over a fifth of the company's businesses, or 1,700 of its more than 7,000 employees. But it also excludes most of its big-city newspapers, specialty TV channels and other properties, which suggests that a streamlining of Canwest may not lead to widespread cuts or job losses.

CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

A man enters the National Post building yesterday. The newspaper is part of Canwest Global Communications Corp.

Canwest has been struggling for the last two years to deal with a $4 billion debt load, which the Winnipeg-based broadcaster took on when it bought the former Southam newspapers and the National Post earlier this decade.

Canwest president and CEO Leonard Asper told the company's employees in an internal memo that executives were working to minimize the impact on the media giant's daily operations.

"This controlled and orderly financial restructuring plan will provide a renewed financial outlook for these business units," he wrote, adding that the company believes the restructuring can be implemented in four to six months while Canwest continues to operate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Business in brief

AUTO MAKER Nissan's first "real-world" all-electric car, will be introduced to Canadians in British Columbia under a partnership agreement announced yesterday. The Japanese automaker said the Nissan LEAF will be on the road in British Columbia in 2011, prior to more widespread distribution in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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EI premiums could rise, analyst says

Canadian workers could see employment insurance premiums rise by $632 over four years while employers may face even bigger hikes if the government is to meet economic update targets, according to economic forecaster Dale Orr of Economic Insight.

The analysis, released yesterday, estimates that Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's revenue projections on the EI account builds in a sizable employment tax hike for both workers and employers of about $15.5 billion by the 2014-15 timetable laid out in last month's update. When it issued the update, Ottawa said it could return to balancing the budget after the 2014-15 fiscal year without raising taxes, but did acknowledge it will likely entail increases in EI premiums to balance the account over time. The new analysis puts a figure on just what it will take to do so.

Jim Flaherty

Economist Dale Orr says premiums must rise from the current $1.73 per $100 of earnings — which will be frozen for another year — to $2.33 over the next five years. That will result in an accumulated extra payment of $632 for every worker earning more than the bottom threshold of $42,300. As well, employers will need to fork over about $884 per worker during the period.

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Toronto strike creates large spike in building permit value

STATSCAN The value of building permits totalled $5 billion in August, up 7.2 per cent from July.

Statistics Canada reports the bulk of the increase came in Ontario and British Columbia.

The agency says the end of the municipal employees strike in Toronto in July contributed to the increase — if Toronto is excluded, the total value of building permits rose by 0.8 per cent.

Municipalities issued $2.9 billion worth of building permits in the residential sector, an 11.2 per cent increase, and $2.1 billion in the non-residential sector, a 2.2 per cent advance.

The value of building permits increased in three provinces in August: Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

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Declines

- The largest declines in the value of building permits came in Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Nova Scotia.

Lorus Therapeutics reports profit

GAIN Toronto-based drug developer Lorus Therapeutics Inc. reported yesterday a profit in the first quarter of fiscal 2010 on a big one-time gain from the repurchase of its convertible debentures, but said it is struggling to meet its financial obligations.

The company posted yesterday net earnings of $9.8 million, or four cents per share, in the quarter ended Aug. 31, up from a net loss of $2.2 million or one cent per common share in the same quarter last year.

Its loss from operations amounted to $1.2 million, compared to a loss of $2.7 million from operations the year prior.

That excluded a one-time $11-million gain as the company extinguished $15 million in convertible debentures in June for $3.3 million cash and other considerations.

Lorus has yet to record significant revenues from sales of its drugs under development.

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Business in brief

ENERGY Pengrowth Energy Trust announced yesterday it had entered an agreement to purchase additional land in the Horn River Basin in northeastern British Columbia. The deal with an unnamed vendor will see Pengrowth pay $9 million for nearly 29,000 acres of undeveloped land, and $2 million for a stake in a standing cased well bore in the area. The transaction will leave Pengrowth with a total of about 73,000 net acres in the area's shale gas play, the ninth-largest land position in the basin. The additional land will complement Pengrowth's existing interests in the central part of the basin.

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Bruins give Lucic $12.25M extension
The Boston Bruins have given Milan Lucic a $12.25-million US, three-year contract extension. Lucic, 21, set career highs last year with 17 goals and 25 assists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

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Toronto's Luke Schenn ties up Ottawa's Milan Michalek last night in front of Jonas Gustavsson. The Senators were awarded a penalty shot on this play which put the Sens up 2-0. The Senators went on to beat the Leafs by a score of 2-1.

Maple Leafs lose Battle of Ontario

NHL RESULT

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VS

The Ottawa Senators got the best of The Monster.

Daniel Alfredsson's second-period goal on a penalty shot gave the Senators a 2-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs last night.

The Senators captain used a nifty backhand deke move against Swedish countryman Jonas Gustavsson to help lift his team to its first victory of the young season.

Shean Donovan had the other goal for Ottawa (1-1-0).

Matt Stajan replied for the Maple Leafs (0-2-1).

After two losses with No. 1 goalie Vesa Toskala in net, Toronto gave Gustavsson his first career NHL start. The 24-year-old was steady in his debut, but didn't get much help from the offence.

Stajan found himself with a chance to tie the game in the dying seconds, but was unable to get the puck past Pascal Leclaire's outstretched pad. That helped secure Leclaire's first victory in an Ottawa uniform.

Games between these teams have traditionally been referred to as the Battle of Ontario, but this one featured very little battle. There was a surprising lack of energy given that both teams were after their first victory of the season.

One of the few signs life in the first period saw Maple Leafs rookie Viktor Stalberg leave with an injury. He was crushed by Anton Volchenkov while cruising into the Sens zone and didn't return for the final 40 minutes.

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Sports in brief

DEATH A worker died yesterday in the press box at Dodger Stadium, a day before the start of the NL playoff series between the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers. A team spokesman identified the man as John Foster. He had been in the press box working on the coffee machine. An autopsy will be conducted in the next few days to determine the cause of death, Corral said.

FOOTBALL The fledgling United Football League will use a female official in games this season. Terri Valenti, from Palo Alto, Calif., will be a head linesman. She was one of 29 officials named yesterday to the league roster.

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Montreal-Vancouver final 'good for soccer in Canada'

USL-1 After struggling to find their game through the season, few are surprised that the Montreal Impact and Vancouver Whitecaps woke up in time to grab playoff spots and march through to a first all-Canadian USL-1 final.

The Whitecaps play at home in the opening leg of the two game, total goals final on Saturday, followed by the second leg in Montreal a week later.

"It's good for soccer in Canada," Impact defender Nevio Pizzolitto said yesterday. "It's a good rivalry, and it shows we're doing something right.

"And both clubs definitely deserve to be there."

The Whitecaps battled to the seventh and final playoff spot in the 11-team league, while Montreal managed fifth place with a late flurry of wins. Both then knocked off higher seeds to reach the final. The Whitecaps edged Portland 5-4 on aggregate and Montreal ousted Puerto Rico 4-2 in semifinal series that ended on Sunday.

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Sports in brief

CANADIENS The Montreal Canadiens bolstered their blue-line yesterday by signing free agent Marc-Andre Bergeron to a one-year contract. Bergeron played in 72 games with Minnesota last season, recording 14 goals and 18 assists (32 points), with seven goals coming on the power play.

TENNIS Serena Williams needed only to win her second-round match at the China Open yesterday to reclaim the No. 1 ranking, because the current top-ranked player, Dinara Safina, couldn't get past that early round at the tournament. Safina lost to local wild card entry Zhang Shuai in the second round Monday, while Williams beat Ekaterina Makarova yesterday.

NHL Disgruntled Montreal forward Sergei Kostitsyn will join the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs after all. Montreal Canadiens general manager Bob Gainey says Kostitsyn would be at the Bulldogs practice yesterday, ending a nearly week-long holdout.

NFL Conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh said yesterday he is teaming up with St. Louis Blues owner Dave Checketts in a bid to buy the St. Louis Rams, owners of the NFL's longest losing streak at 14 and just 5-31 since 2007. Forbes magazine has estimated the Rams franchise has a value of $929 US million.

SOCCER Everton striker Jose Baxter has been arrested for possession of cannabis and counterfeit money. The 17-year-old Baxter was detained Monday in Liverpool along with two other men, aged 29 and 34. Baxter made his professional debut for Everton on the first day of last season, making him the club's youngest senior player at 16 years and 191 days.

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Focus, Maple Leaf fans

Gustavsson needs to platoon, trading picks not so bad

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After following the more recently Non-Mighty Oilers of Edmonton last year, I'm back for a second tour of duty chronicling the Toronto Maple Leafs.

As a born-and-bred Torontonian, I enjoy seeing long-tred-upon Leafs fans finally talking about a promising future for their team … and not having sane people make insane faces behind their backs.

But with the plethora of passion Leafs Nation possesses, there will always be some notable over-reactions, as well as an over-looked-but-important issue or two. So let's briefly examine Two Things Maple Leafs Fans Are Paying Too Much Attention To and One Thing Maple Leafs Fans Aren't Sufficiently Excited About.

Two Things Maple Leafs Fans Are Paying Too Much Attention To:

1. The Goaltending "Controversy." The season was just two games old, yet there were cries for (a) the head of incumbent Leafs starter Vesa Toskala; and (b) the immediate induction of much-heralded rookie Jonas Gustavsson into the No. 1 job and the Hockey Hall of Fame.

I'm with Leafs coach Ron Wilson on this: Toskala's early sub-par showings shouldn't spell his demise in Toronto. Anyway, it's best Gustavsson starts his career in a platoon role — and platoons usually fail if half of it feels like a second wheel in a unicycle act.

2. First Round Picks! First Round Picks! Let's All Run Around In Small Circles Like Our Hair Is On Fire Because We Think Brian Burke Traded Too Many First Round Picks!

The price for acquiring Phil Kessel may seem high to some. But draft picks guarantee zilch — and if the Leafs are out of the playoff picture, Burke can deal some of his veterans for some high picks.

One Thing Maple Leafs Fans Aren't Sufficiently Excited About:

1. A Subtle Yet Significant Scouting Surge. In September, Burke quietly increased his scouting staff to its largest size ever.

That's a great sign ownership, at long last, is using its financial power in ways the NHL's salary cap cannot restrict.

Indeed, more scouts — at least, more good scouts — should mean more good young players. And more good young players mean more to Toronto's future than any netminder or draft pick.

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Twins win thriller, advance to face Yankees

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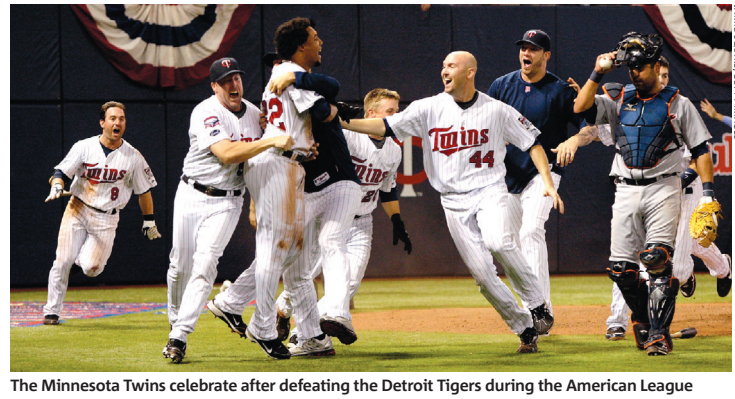

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The Minnesota Twins celebrate after defeating the Detroit Tigers during the American League Tiebreaker last night at Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

BASEBALL Alexi Casilla's one-out single in the bottom of the 12th inning scored Carlos Gomez from second base and the Minnesota Twins beat Detroit 6-5 in the AL Central tiebreaker last night, completing a colossal collapse for the Tigers.

The Tigers became the first team in baseball history to blow a three-game lead with four games left. The Twins went 17-4 to pull even on the final weekend, then emerged with their fifth division title in eight years.

Baseball's only real pennant race this season needed an extra game, and extra innings to finish off a thriller that got better with every pitch.

As Homer Hankies spiralled around the Metrodome, the Twins celebrated. They had 21 hours to get ready for Game 1 of the AL playoffs at Yankee Stadium.

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Douglas College enrolment boom
B.C.-based Douglas College is welcoming 9,500 students taking credit courses this fall, an overall increase of 7.3 per cent. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

The goal: $500,000,000

At the opening of the Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion on Saturday, the University of Western Ontario formally launched the public phase of its $500-million Make a Difference fundraising campaign. Over $130 million has been raised to date.

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Helping Loblaw co. can help you

TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Canada

University and college grads today are enter possibly the toughest labour market in generations, but smart companies also realize that it's a good time to stock up on talented young employees.

With unemployment rates for young adults hitting 16.4 per cent this past summer, Loblaw Companies Limited launched its grad@Loblaw program to recruit some of the best and brightest coming out of Canadian universities and colleges.

"We're taking a long-term approach to investing in talent and developing skills and abilities across colleagues," said Nan Oldroyd, Loblaw senior director of recruitment and diversity.

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Richard Rivera, manager, left, and Paul Sudarsan, a Toronto-based grad from Ryerson University, are seen here at a Toronto Real Canadian Superstore. Sudarsan is part of the grad@Loblaw program.

Over the next five years, Loblaw Companies Limited will be hiring 1,000 recent grads through the company's program.

Once selected for the 18-month training program, the grads immediately receive full-time salary and benefits while they prepare for careers in store management, IT, marketing, merchandising or finance.

The first six months of the program is spent training in various departments inside one of the stores.

"I went through the grocery department. I did the grocery night crew, which is its own sort of animal. It's different from grocery days," said recent University of Ottawa grad Brian Partridge, who is currently in the first phase of the program at a store in Ottawa.

After the first phase, graduates spend three months learning about the company's purchasing, promotions and inventory management. The final nine months are spent apprenticing in the position that they were hired to do, with the knowledge and experience from the previous rotations to help guide them.

After just five months learning at the store, Mark Dolan is already filling in as assistant store manager at a Superstore in Halifax.

Dolan graduated with a commerce degree in marketing but with years of warehouse experience, he's entered into the supply chain stream of the program.

Dolan said he was drawn to the programs for the career potential the support that a nation-wide company could offer.

"They spend time to help you learn everything that you need to go further," he said. "A couple of the other opportunities I had were just to start a job straight away at the bottom line. This had more room for growth and more room to learn."

Another bonus was the chance to work close to home but still be with a company that has a lot of room for career growth.

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The bumpy road to 'reformed' civic justice

WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin

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Our civil justice system is one of workplace law's greatest flaws. Corporations, with expensive lawyers and deeper pockets, are permitted to make the costs of litigation too excessive for the average employee. By introducing new rules for Jan. 1, 2010, however, the Ontario government figured that would all change. Sweeping amendments to Ontario's civil procedure were designed to make lawsuits more accessible and cost-effective. The Attorney General's press release boasts that the reforms will make it less expensive to access justice and easier to use the courts to quickly resolve disputes.

But not so fast. In redesigning the rules, the government may have simply traded one set of problems for another. Ironically, many of the new rules may actually end up costing more and taking longer. Some problems:

- Small Claims Court jurisdiction. The previous cap of $10,000 on all small claims will be raised to $25,000. While, at first blush, this appears to favour employees, who can now pursue more substantial claims, I have various concerns. The Small Claims court is already flooded with lawsuits and a roster of "deputy judges" that seldom have the time or training to resolve disputes without a trial. It is not unusual to wait up to a year for a trial or to appear on your court date only to have the matter rescheduled. Once the caseload increases, inevitably, the wait will too.
- The cost award for winning a trial or motion will be reduced to what was "reasonable" — not the costs of what were actually incurred. In a lawsuit, the losing party is usually compelled to pay a component of the successful party's legal fees. The new civil rules contain a general principle of "proportionality" requiring judges to award costs based on the total value of the claim and how long it ought to have taken to get to trial, not the counsel fee involved. Employees whose claims were drawn out will end up paying more.

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Tips from The Den: Know your worth

Dragons' Den
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Steve Sal Debus of Vancouver tries to entice the Dragons to invest in his company Modrobes.

You have to know what you're worth. Whether you are negotiating your salary for a new job, asking for a raise — or appearing on a reality show like Dragons' Den — you can't put a price tag on yourself unless you've spent some time figuring out what you can justify.

That's the first challenge for the eager entrepreneurs who come into the Den to try and convince a panel of Canadian multi-millionaires to invest money into their business. They have to put a number on how much of their company they're willing to sell, and for how much, i.e. "I'm looking for $250,000. That will buy you a 10 per cent stake in my company."

If they're out of whack with that valuation, and can't back up it up with solid sales figures, or a truly convincing demonstration of their business' potential, watch the Dragons breathe fire!

It's not much different when it comes time to negotiate a new salary. If you name a figure that is completely out of touch with other professionals with similar experience earn, that could make an employer question your common sense — and maybe even the job offer.

On the other hand, you also have to be careful to not sell yourself short. You could be stuck with a low salary for a long time, if you don't make a case for why you deserve the bigger bucks.

There's a fascinating example of someone fighting for what they're worth on tonight's episode of Dragons' Den. Steve Sal Debus of Vancouver came to entice the Dragons to invest in his company Modrobes. If you're relatively young (and cool), you may recall this popular brand. But it disappeared in 2005, after Steve and his management team made some big mistakes. The company went bankrupt.

Well lo and behold, despite that past failure, Steve gets a $200,000 offer from Jim Treliving, owner of Boston Pizza. How great would that sound to someone who desperately needs cash to start again? Not great enough apparently. Steve turns Jim down. Does he get another, better offer? You'll need to watch to find out!

One thing I can say now though, is that Steve makes a good case as to why he's worth more.

And making a good case is what everyone has to do, when they're wanting to negotiate a fair, reasonable salary.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

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Silver most popular car colour, data shows

PAINT Silver in hues ranging from chrome to charcoal grey extended its reign as the most popular choice for car and truck paint across the globe this year, according to annual data collected by a leading paint maker.

Pittsburgh-based PPG Industries Inc. said silver has been the number one colour for nine straight years, accounting for 25 per cent of vehicle paint choices in the U.S., 35 per cent in Europe and 34 per cent in the Asia-Pacific region.

In the U.S., silver rose from 20 per cent of the market a year ago. White finished second at 18 per cent and black was third with 16 per cent. Red was a distant fourth at 12 per cent.

PPG, which includes shades of charcoal and grey in its silver category, said in a statement that the colour was popular because of new paint effects that make even dull shades of grey shine.

"Silver tones work well with today's tinted metallic textural looks," Jane Harrington, the company's manager of automotive colour styling, said in the statement.

North Americans' tastes have changed dramatically in the past 15 years, PPG said. In 1994, green was the most popular colour and only eight per cent of buyers chose silver.

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A Mercedes Canada loves

GLK cuts no corners when it comes to style and performance

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

While most manufacturers are shying away from offering new SUVs, Mercedes-Benz has no less than five, the newest being the "compact" GLK.

The reason compact is in quotes is because it's intermediate to my eyes although it is classified in the compact class.

But the compact SUV section is where the action is because they appeal to a lot of Canadians who aren't as keen on large trucks like our American neighbours.

And it could well be Mercedes-Benz has intentionally blurred this line to make it attractive to two sets of buyers.

Visually, it is more upright and squared off at the shoulders than a M-Class or big GL-Class and sculpted in angular lines with a touch of "Jeepness," a look that North Americans have come to identify with off-roaders.

The beefy exterior is offset by the luxurious interior that is similar in looks and feel to the M- and GL-Class. Mercedes cut no corners on appointments and materials.

The model we get here will be called the GLK 350 4Matic with the 3.5-litre, DOHC V6 found in just about everything Mercedes builds. In the GLK it produces 268 hp and 258 lb/ft of torque through the now, near standard 7G-Tronic seven-speed automatic/sequential transmission.

The 2010 Mercedes-Benz GLK 350 4Matic is called a compact SUV and is one of the automaker's bestselling vehicles in Canada; inside, the GLK 350 4matic is a combination of man-made or optional real leather and very wide range of standard and optional equipment.

2010 Mercedes Benz GLK 350 4Matic

Type: Compact luxury SUV
Price: from $41,800
Engine: 3.5-litre, DOHC V8 (268 hp, 258 lb/ft.)

Highlights

- Compact SUV with the style of an off-roader
- Affordable Sport package

The GLK starts with the 3.5-litre and 4Matic all-wheel-drive at $41,800.

After that, options are few but one Canadians love is purchasing the base GLK and adding just the 20-inch alloy wheels and aluminum roof rails that come with the Sport Package (a steal at $800) that look even bigger than they are if the truck is painted in black or silver.

The leather-lined (man-made or real) cabin is sumptuous with the driver and passenger getting Neck-Pro crash-responsive head rests that move forward to cup the head in an accident. Of course there is cruise and power everything, but the Mercedes Thermatic dual-zone climate control is also standard and it really works.

The GLK 350 comes with what Mercedes calls its dynamic handling control system that includes anti-lock braking, Mercedes' own version of traction control called 4ETS that works in conjunction with the Electronic Stability Control (ESP) and electronic brake assist.

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4Runner unveiled
Toyota recently revealed the all-new 2010 4Runner at the Georgian College Auto Show in Barrie, Ont. The latest 4Runner will start at $36,800 — the same starting price as the 2009 model it replaces. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The future's turbo

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Turbocharging has been around almost as long as the internal combustion engine.

It didn't really become a regular feature on production cars until the mid-1970s, and its persona then tended toward rock star.

The poster boy for this scene was the just-released 1976 Porsche 911 Turbo.

This is the point in history when fuel economy started to be a concern, but also when hairy dudes strutted around in platform shoes, bell-bottom pants and polyester shirts that were difficult to button up all the way (I'm assuming); and the Porsche fit right in, with its wail tail spoiler, big fat rear tires, and in-your-face turbo power.

This is also when all forms of top level racing found the turbo religion, which subsequently created wild 1.5-litre engines that shrieked out 1,000 to 1,500 horsepower.

Today there are still many practitioners of hairy turbo machinery. But no longer is turbo technology shaped by a quest for ultimate power. Today's turbo era is being shaped by the proliferation of diesel engines, and the human and government cry for better fuel economy.

I recently spoke to Tom Grissom, director of business development for BorgWarner Turbo & Emissions Systems, one of the world's largest providers of automotive turbocharger systems.

"Turbocharging is in a developing stage here in North American, but it will trend toward mainstream, as the U.S. EPA emission and fuel requirements drive toward a 35 mpg fleet average in 2016," noted Grissom. "Fuel efficiency is best achieved through smaller displacement engines.

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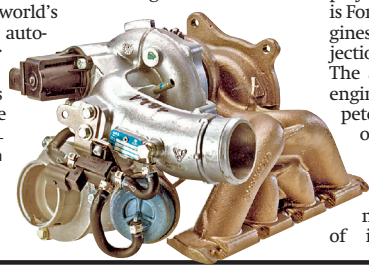
BorgWarner's Tom Grissom



The essential piece of a turbocharger system is the "turbine," strategically placed to harness exhaust flow.

The automaker at the forefront of this kind of "mass market" turbo deployment in North America is Ford. Its new EcoBoost engines feature both direct injection and turbocharging.

"But if you simply downsize the engine, there will be customer dissatisfaction … (Turbocharging) allows you to maintain the performance customers expect."

The automaker at the forefront of this kind of "mass market" turbo deployment in North America is Ford. Its new EcoBoost engines feature both direct injection and turbocharging. The automaker feels these engines will be able to compete with larger engines on power and torque, but better them in fuel efficiency. Ford has stated that by 2013, more than 90 per cent of its North American nameplates will be available (standard or optionally) with an EcoBoost powerplant.

But BorgWarner feels the largest growth potential for turbo-charging systems worldwide may be with diesel engines.

Virtually any diesel engine introduced in the last few decades has been a turbocharged diesel engine. That black smoke you see coming out of old diesel cars and trucks, is that in certain drive cycles, there was too much diesel fuel in the combustion chamber compared to the amount of air that could get in there. A turbo can pack that cylinder with the appropriate amount of air.

Now that they're this good and this useful, might turbochargers be as ubiquitous as cup holders one day? Grissom thinks not, because there will always be vehicles needed at the very bottom of the price ladder, and while diesels are growing in North America, they will not dominate as they have in Europe.

But except to see them in virtually every type of vehicle, and through every looming and questionable fashion movement.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Honda Insight: First-gen hybrid surprisingly reliable

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Second Gear

MODEL: 2000 to 2006 Honda Insight
VEHICLE TYPE: Hybrid Coupe
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $7,000 to $10,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: Honda's second-generation Insight hybrid is now on sale after the original disappeared from market a few years back. The latter wasn't a bestseller or incredibly popular outside of its own enthusiast circles, but it was the first hybrid vehicle for sale in North America. All models got a one-litre gas engine bolstered by an Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) electric drive system. Combined output was rated at 70 horsepower. Insight owners don't win any drag races, but they are treated to mileage ratings of about 70 MPG or under 3.5L / 100km. Insight came solely as a compact two-seat, three-door hatch. Look for power accessories, air conditioning, adjustable steering and remote access, as well as ABS, a CD changer, and dual front airbags.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: One word: mileage. Trips to the gas station are rare, and the Insight goes for ages on a single tank of fuel. The uniqueness and small footprint of the car are other owner-stated plusses. Many say that the Insight is a just-right size for a personal vehicle that's ready to commute or head out of town for the weekend.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Insight is a very specialized vehicle, and one that's not free of compromise. In order to maximize fuel savings, the Insight had to be small — and the two-seat configuration left some owners wishing for more passenger volume.

COMMON ISSUES: Insight suffers from several issues like any used car — though surprisingly, none found came as the result of its hybrid driveline. Problems included the audio system picking up interference when the rear wiper is turned on. Engine problems were centred around a check engine light that may illuminate due to a failed solenoid, as well as a cold-start issue that's fixed by reprogramming the engine computer.

THE VERDICT: Hybrids are full of rare and un-proven technology, and many used-car shoppers won't touch one with a forty-foot pole. Thankfully, in the case of the Insight, things look pretty good.

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Zip around with app

Car sharing service Zipcar has released a free mobile app which will enable users to find and reserve cars with an iPhone or iPod Touch. The app is available at itunes.com/apps/zipcar CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Never mind the cap

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

If you've ever struggled with a gas cap, forgotten to put it back on, or had the "Check Engine" light up because you didn't tighten the cap enough, you'll appreciate Ford's Easy Fuel capless filler.

The system is now on several new Ford and Lincoln models, and will eventually be on all of them. You simply open the fuel filler door, push an inner flap out of the way with the gas pump nozzle, and refuel your vehicle.

Driving Force

Ford is currently the only automaker who offers a capless fuelling system in North America.

"It's pretty much what it looks like," says Brian Aitken, supervisor for Ford's core fuel systems engineering in Michigan.

"It's a simple metal trap door held closed by latches at the 3 and 9 o'clock positions. Those latches are the hooks that keep the door closed. They have two little lobes that detect the diameter of the nozzle, so as the customer inserts the proper-diameter nozzle, they swing away left and right. That allows the nozzle to continue through and open the door."

The basic idea isn't new. Some early patents date back to 1939; Ford held a patent in 1991. The 2003 Ford GT, the company's exotic supercar, was the first to use it, "and I'm sure that was mainly for the coolness factor," Aitken says. "We had two or three suppliers who had been showing off this technology to us." Ford's European branch was the first to use it in volume production, introducing it on the 2008 Ford Mondeo.

When the inner flap is closed, the filler pipe is completely sealed. This prevents escaping fuel vapours — a situation that can illuminate the engine warning light.

Since diesel and gasoline nozzles are different sizes, the latches prevent filling with the wrong fuel, and also guard against a thief siphoning the tank. And Aitken says that while he definitely doesn't recommend it, "There are some people who have difficulty getting the cap off, so they don't bother to put it back on. They just set it back in there for next time."

Ford estimates that the valve will stay tight for 5,000 fill-ups, and the filler pipe is replaceable. The company is the only one currently offering the system in North America, but "it's such a handy technology, I expect to see it in other automakers," Aitken says. "There are different designs that use different technologies."

And if it makes refuelling so simple that you forget all about it, don't worry: each car comes with a special plastic funnel that will let you fill it with a portable gas can.

Road to hands-free

These days, it's a smart call to go hands-free while driving. Come Oct. 26, Ontario will be the latest Canadian province to ban handheld devices, including cellphones, in cars. The crackdown on distracted driving is catching on fast — Quebec and Nova Scotia have already done it while British Columbia is next up. To help you switch gears, Metro Drive will feature some in-car hands-free products throughout this month.

States of handheld

- **Already banned:** Newfoundland & Labrador, Quebec, Nova Scotia.
- **Upcoming ban:** Ontario, British Columbia.
- **Mulling ban:** Manitoba, Saskatchewan, P.E.I.
- **No to ban:** Alberta

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MOTOROLA H790

The mobile company claims its their thinnest dual-microphone headset. The H790 is stylish for sure with its sleek design and easy wearability. It also delivers outstanding call quality using Motorola's CrystalTalk technology, which suppresses background noise for pure-sounding calls, so you can hear and be heard even in noisy environments. Compatible with over 200 Bluetooth enabled phones. Price not available. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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'94 Accord most stolen: Study

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Lyriq waxes poetic about Audis

Canadian actor dreams of upgrading to R8

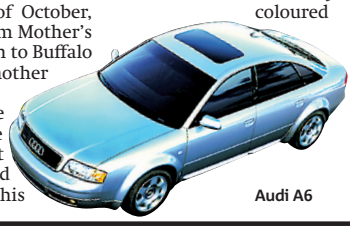
Lyriq Bent misses his car. Having spent the past few months filming the new TV series Copper in Toronto, where he was shuttled around in a production car, Bent then headed to Winnipeg last week where he'll remain until the end of October, shooting the film Mother's Day. Then it's on to Buffalo to film another movie.

But the Toronto native can't wait to get back to L.A. and reunite with his Audi A6, which he shipped down when he relocated to California three years ago.

"I've always loved Audis," admits the star of such movies as Four Brothers, Take the Lead and three Saw sequels, as well as roles on numerous TV shows including CSI Miami and Kevin Hill.

"It's got the sunroof, the heated seats and heated steering wheel," he says of his five-year-old car, adding, "It looks like the cockpit of an airplane at night because everything glows."

With its midnight blue exterior and buttery-coloured leather interior, accented with blond wood paneling, and gadgets galore, Bent's ride is more of an escape rather than just a means to get from point A to B. "Sometimes I've got nowhere to go and I just cruise," he reveals. "I love doing that, taking in the scenery and enjoying the music I'm listening to."


Audi A6

Lyriq Bent has played major roles in many Hollywood films.

Having studied at Seneca College to become a computer graphic technician, the chiselled star fell into acting on a dare. "I pursued acting because I wasn't very good at it," he explains. "If I think something is a challenge, I'll stay at it until I overcome it."

> **"Sometimes I've got nowhere to go and I just cruise."**
> Lyriq Bent

As for contending with the notoriously congested Los Angeles traffic, which can be a challenge at the best of times, Bent doesn't let it raise his blood pressure. "I really like being in my car, so I don't mind even though it can be a parking lot at times," he says.

And aside from taking on more and more challenging roles, this Canadian export also has his eyes set on an auto upgrade to an Audi R8 one day. Considering how many roles are coming his way, an it looks like an R8 is on the horizon.

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2010 GMC Terrain

2010 GMC Terrain pricing announced

NEW MODEL GMC has announced that its all-new Terrain five-passenger crossover SUV, now arriving in showrooms, will have a starting price of $27,465 for the front-wheel drive model and $29,075 for the all-wheel drive model. "Built right here in Ingersoll, Ontario, the Terrain is the latest offering from GMC and takes the brand's engineering expertise and truck heritage into a smaller segment at the heart of today's crossover market," said Marc Comeau, vice president of sales, service and marketing for GM of Canada. The base SLE1 model comes standard with GM's new 2.4-litre direct-injection engine and six-speed automatic transmission that delivers highway fuel consumption of just 6.1 L/100km. FROM CARGUIDE

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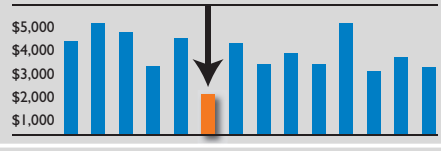

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Poe gets a proper burial

Edgar Allan Poe, the master of literary gothic horror, has been fêted all year at events marking the bicentennial of his birth. On Sunday in Baltimore, he'll get the funeral he never had: Actors will portray Poe's friends and contemporaries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

Fernie on film

This ski season, B.C.'s Fernie Alpine Resort is looking forward to starring on the big screen. On Feb. 26, 2010, it will celebrate the release of a $60 million US movie called Hot Tub Time Machine, a "retro" ski film set in 1986 that will feature John Cusack and one-piece ski suits. Fernie plays the back drop, and many locals play extras. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sunrise to sunset in South Beach

Be seen at the latest glamour hot spots in this Miami enclave

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With its mélange of sandy beaches, crashing ocean, Art Deco buildings and colourful residents, South Beach is a tiny strip of fun just across from mainland Miami. It's the perfect holiday playground whether you're looking to relax in the sun, go shopping, absorb some culture or spend a week clubbing.

GANSEVOORT

Left, taking in the view from a balcony at the Gansevoort South. Right, a view of the Gansevoort's rooftop pool; you can party until 3 a.m. at the pool bar, Plunge.

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The Sunset Lounge at the Mondrian.

See the sunrise: On the beach in front of the Gansevoort South. If you know what's good for you you'll have treated yourself to a night in this majestic new hotel, which comes complete with an enormous sun terrace; three pools; stylish, spacious bedrooms; and even sharks in the 15-metre fish tank in the lobby. You'll have also partied until 3 a.m. at the palm-fringed rooftop pool bar, Plunge — go for a dip if you're in fantastic shape or feeling brave; see ganse voorthotelgroup.com.

Have breakfast: Check out the parade of glamourous pensioners and wannabe gangstas as you tuck into strawberry and banana pancakes on the sunny terrace of The Pelican on Ocean Drive. The Pelican is the first hotel opened by the Italian fashion brand Diesel, pelicanhotel.com.

Take a morning stroll: Walk down Ocean Drive and admire the scenery —the beautiful Art Deco hotels on one side, buff surfers and bikini babes on the beach on the other. If you want a serious guide to the colourful 1930s and 1920s buildings, join one of the daily tours that start at the Art Deco District Welcome Center, mdpl.org. Taking it easy? Play a game of netball on the sand.

Have lunch: Order a huge burger at the 11th St. Diner (Washington Avenue at 11th Street), a stainless-steel eatery dating from 1946 that serves classic diner fare including waffles and milkshakes.

Afternoon activities: Finish walking down Ocean Drive and have your photo taken on the steps of Casa Casuarina, the magnificent villa where fashion designer Gianni Versace was murdered. It's now a posh members-only club and luxury boutique hotel.

Next, explore Washington Avenue, a parallel route that features Art Deco houses and some shops along the way. Stroll north to Lincoln Road Mall at 16th Street, where you can stock up on staples from major chain stores as well as vintage clothing at Fly boutique and quirky homeware at Jonathan Adler. Reward yourself afterwards with a cocktail at one of the many nearby pavement cafés.

Watch the sunset: The Mondrian, an ultra-chic new hotel conceived as a modern fairytale castle by Dutch design virtuoso Marcel Wanders, is on the right side of South Beach for watching the sun go down over the main city.

Order a cocktail and take your pick of the loungers and designer chairs on the ultra glamourous terrace. Forgotten your Rolls Royce or your Paul Smith toothbrush? Buy one at Semi-Automatic, the hotel's unique, outsized vending machine in the lobby.

Dine: If you're feeling flash, stay for dinner at the Mondrian's Asian-Latin fusion restaurant Asia De Cuba, one of the hippest, dressiest joints in town; mondrian-miami.com.

Alternatively, head back to Ocean Drive and install yourself on the terrace of a restaurant like The News Cafe for some top people-watching, as Spring Breaker types in their finest seduction outfits and show-offs in their bouncing low-rider cars cruise past.

Good to know

How to get there: Miami International is a 20-minute drive from South Beach.
When to go: The weather is great all year round, although hurricane season is June to November. For a party buzz, visit during one of many festivals, join the hip art set at Art Basel Miami Beach in December, the world's best DJs and music industry scenesters at the March Miami Winter Music Conference or catch the Latino vibe at the Carnival Miami in March.
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Travel industry preps for flu season

Cruise ships take particular care over communicable illnesses

Eric Sedore was working on a family cruise ship touring Europe in August 2005 when passengers started vomiting — and it wasn't a bout of seasickness. The Norwalk virus had rocked the boat.

"There were people throwing up everywhere. And they made a special team of people set up to deal with any cases," Sedore recalled.

"If you saw anybody sick or there (were) people barfing, (we were told) 'Stay away from it, don't touch it, call this number' and they'll come and clean it up with disinfectant."

Though it was likely no more than 10 people were ill, the Sapphire Princess hoisted up the "sick ship" flag to signal passengers in quarantine, and as a result, the 2,000 people aboard were refused visits to Portugal and Spain.

"They got a five-and-a-half day cruise, not seven, and it wasn't even enjoyable," Sedore said, adding that when the ship returned to shore, the crew sterilized it top to bottom.

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In this July 31 photo, the cruise ship Voyager of the Seas, carrying dozens of victims of the H1N1 virus — also known as swine flu — among its 5,000 passengers and crew, is seen anchored in the bay of Villefranche sur Mer, southeastern France.

This travel season, another bug is threatening. Canadian health officials are mounting a campaign warning the public that a second wave of the pandemic H1N1 flu virus, also known as swine flu, could strike as winter draws nearer, leaving no place untouched, including cruise ships, planes and trains.

But despite the ample breeding ground offered by such confined spaces, members of the domestic travel industry say they're more than ready to set sail after weathering the first wave of the virus last spring.

"In the first wave, it was a concern because it was an outbreak and it was reported a little late and there was no vaccine at the time," said Shawn Kilner, owner of Cruise Holidays based in Nanaimo, B.C.

"Now they have knowledge, they have awareness, they have medical savvy. So definitely, there is concern, but now it's well-known and there are solutions to it, as much as there can be."

Cruise ships, known to be hit particularly hard if a virus attacks on board, already follow stringent dining and cleaning policies to prevent outbreaks, Kilner said.

Yet when H1N1 struck last spring, new measures were created by the North American regulatory body Cruise Lines International Association and quickly put in place to keep the virus at bay. Prior to boarding at any port, all passengers are now screened using a health questionnaire. If any flu-like symptoms are reported, such as fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, or the person has been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of H1N1, they'll undergo a second screening.

Medical personnel make case-by-case decisions and can refuse boarding to a passenger who meets conditions for having a suspected case.

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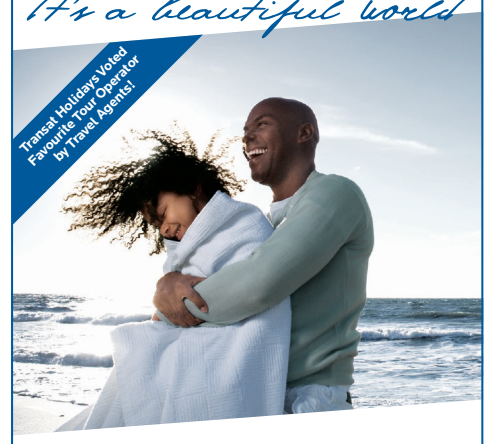

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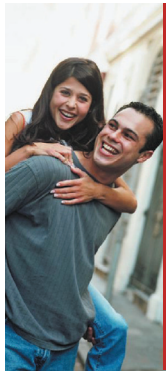
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B.C. ski resorts feel Olympic spinoff

Bookings rise as skiiers try to avoid Whistler this season

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A ski school group with a view of snow ghosts, or snow-covered trees, at Big White Ski Resort in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley.

Call it Olympic aversion or the Whistler skier spinoff, but what ever the phenomena, other British Columbian ski resorts are happy to help out skiers who want to avoid the Olympic hoopla in Whistler next year.

Several B.C. ski resorts say their bookings have increased for before and during the 2010 Games where Whistler, B.C., will host alpine ski events.

It's a double-digit benefit for the ski mountains of Big White and Silver Star in the Okanagan.

"We're seeing it in increased Christmas bookings, February inquiries are way up," said Michael Ballingall, senior vice president of both mountain resorts.

He said thousands of skiers who usually go to Whistler to ski every day are going somewhere else because of the Olympics.

"Those people aren't going to the Olympics, there's a whole new crowd coming in. They're displacing those skiers, they've got to go somewhere."

Dave Brownlie, president and CEO at Whistler Blackcomb, agreed ticket sales are down, but he doesn't begrudge the benefit for other resorts.

"It's not about the 17 days, it's about the 17 years afterwards," Brownlie said, pointing to the infrastructure improvements and long-term publicity the Olympics will generate.

Brownlie said people do have the misconception that the mountain is closed, when in fact, 90 per cent of the mountain will be open during the Olympics.

"If you can get here, it's going to be an amazing time to ski and snowboard," he said.

Brownlie said the barrier is getting access and parking to the mountain and he said that's still being worked out.

Whistler has worked out a compensation agreement with the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee, but he wouldn't discuss details of the agreement.

Sun Peaks Resort, north of Kamloops, B.C., is also expecting more skiers.

Resort spokesman Christopher Nicolson called it the "aversion effect" associated with the Olympics as people bypass Whistler.

"There's obviously a concern about the hustle and bustle, the security checks, the parking problems, all that kind of stuff associated with the Games."

Mark Dobson, director of sales at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, said this year will be good and next year will be even better.

"There's going to be greater awareness around the Canadian product to the international product because of the Olympics," Dobson said.

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Start of the season

If you're already keen to hit the slopes, you don't have long to wait: the official opening date for Mont Tremblant is Nov. 20. Whistler Blackcomb is slated to open on Nov. 26. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sun Peaks launches Snow Bum contest

A B.C. ski resort is looking for a ski bum who will brag about the facility to the world.

The winner of Sun Peaks Resort's I Want to be a Snow Bum contest must be able to ski or snowboard and have the charisma to woo tourists to the resort through a daily blog and updates on Twitter and Facebook.

Resort spokesman Christopher Nicolson said Thursday that applicants must submit a 60-second YouTube video about why they should be chosen for the three-month gig that starts Jan. 4. "We're looking for charisma, creativity and all the things that would make them the ideal ski bum at Sun Peaks," Nicolson said of the resort near Kamloops, B.C.

He said the resort is expecting thousands of entries from around the globe for the job that will net the winner a season's pass, accommodation, meals at local restaurants, and gear — all things they can boast about through the social networking sites.

The Sun Peaks contest closes Nov. 15 and 20 finalists will be chosen Nov. 20, before the winner is announced on Dec. 1. Contest rules are available at snowbumcanada.com.

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A snowboarder in the trees at B.C.'s Sun Peaks Resort.

Intrawest makes helmets mandatory for kids and teens taking classes, terrain parks

SAFETY Six months after actress Natasha Richardson died following a fall at the Mont Tremblant ski resort in Quebec, the company that operates the facility has announced helmet requirements at all its North American resorts.

Vancouver-based Intrawest has said that when the ski season begins in a few weeks, it will recommend all skiers and snowboarders wear helmets.

The headgear will be mandatory for children and teens enrolled in ski and snowboard programs and for any student, regardless of age, taking part in freestyle terrain park programs.

"The objective is to raise the awareness of helmet use and the obligation of everyone to ski and ride in a controlled and responsible manner," said Ian Galbraith, spokesman for Intrawest.

Galbraith said the move is an important "first step" that will increase awareness of the importance of helmets. But the company decided not to make them mandatory across the board. "It's an evolutionary thing. At this point, it's a personal choice whether resort guests want to wear helmets or not," he said.

He said the new rules have been in the works for some time and are not a response to any particular incident.

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Drink up! Niagara wineries celebrate fall

Fall is a busy time at Niagara's wineries, with a variety of tasting events on offer as well as sales that let customers stock up for the winter entertaining season.

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A wine tasting at Hillebrand winery in Niagara.

In November, the 21 Wineries of Niagara-on-the-Lake revisit their popular weekend touring and tasting program called The Taste Season.

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Dr. Phil's going to be a grandfather

Dr. Phil McGraw is going to be a grandfather. This will be the first grandchild for Dr. Phil and wife Robin, and the first child for their 30-year-old son Jay and his wife, Erica McGraw. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Pricey photos

Madonna has accepted a "substantial" settlement from a British newspaper that published photos of her wedding to Guy Ritchie. The singer was suing for $8 million. PEOPLE.COM

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Movies give thanks

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

If aliens learned about Thanksgiving from movies and television, they'd get a skewed idea of what the day is all about. In real life we express our gratitude for life's bounty, but on screen it's a different story.

"Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday," joked Johnny Carson. "People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year and then discover once a year is way too often."

Being less than thankful for family is a common theme in entertainment. The House of Yes saw queen of quirk Parker Posey ruin Thanksgiving when her favourite brother brings home his fiancée, and in Pieces of April a pre-Cruisized Katie Holmes not only has to deal with a broken stove but a broken family as well.

Home for the Holidays has a heart warming title that promises sweetness and light but director Jody Foster's Thanksgiving tale is anything but an ode to the holiday. It's the family reunion from hell for the Larson family, culminating in fist fights and emotional distress. The film's tone is summed up by Robert Downey Jr. who invites everyone to the dinner table with the words, "Let's eat dead bird!"

Steve Martin and John Candy are an odd couple trying try to get home for Thanksgiving in Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

The Larsons didn't gel on Turkey Day, but as James D. Turner remarked in Trading Places, "It ain't cool being no jive turkey so close to Thanksgiving," so I dug deeper for examples of film families enjoying the holiday.

No luck.

The Ice Storm's backdrop of '70s suburban ennui sets the tone for a tragic climax on Thanksgiving Day and Christina Ricci's acidic prayer. "Dear Lord," she says, "thank you for this Thanksgiving holiday. And for letting us white people kill all the Indians and steal their tribal lands. And stuff ourselves like pigs, even though children in Asia are being napalmed."

Cheery stuff! But not as grim as the Thanksgiving horror trailer from Grindhouse. "White meat, dark meat," cackles the announcer. "All will be carved."

At least Planes, Trains and Automobiles, about odd couple Steve Martin and John Candy trying to get home for Thanksgiving, is jammed packed with laughs, even if Martin isn't the most thankful man.

Also grin worthy is Hannah and Her Sisters, the Woody Allen film book ended by Central Park West Thanksgiving dinners.

If Thanksgiving really was like it is in the movies the only thing we'd be giving thanks for is that it only comes around once a year.

Movie **feature**

"People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year and then discover once a year is way too often."
Johnny Carson

Polanski loses battle in extradition case

Roman Polanski lost the first round yesterday in his battle to avoid extradition to the United States for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

Already locked in a Zurich cell for the last dozen days, Polanski learned he will remain incarcerated for an extended period as the Swiss Justice Ministry rejected his plea to be released from custody.

Swiss authorities expressed fear he might flee the country if freed from prison. The director of such film classics as Rosemary's Baby and Chinatown has been wanted by U.S. authorities since fleeing sentencing 31 years ago.

"We continue to be of the opinion that there is a high risk of flight," said ministry spokesman Folco Galli, explaining the decision.

Galli said the threat was too great for the government to accept bail or other security measures in exchange for the release of the filmmaker.

Polanski was apprehended Sept. 26 as he arrived at a film festivalin in Zurich. U.S. authorities consider him a convicted felon and a fugitive. Switzerland says there has been an international warrant out on him since 2005.

Polanski's legal team is also appealing to Switzerland's federal criminal court to free the director. Galli said the Justice Ministry has submitted a letter to the tribunal explaining why it opposes release even on bail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roman Polanski

"We continue to be of the opinion that there is a high risk of flight." Folco Galli

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Swine flu hits Backstreet

The Backstreet Boys' Brian Littrell has been diagnosed with swine flu. The other three current members — Nick Carter, Howie Dorough and A.J. McLean — have seen a doctor and are not showing any symptoms. USMAGAZINE.COM

Ticket to commercial success

Walmart TV jingle was a big break for Canadian singer-songwriter

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Hannah Georgas isn't your typical Walmart shopper. She admits to shopping there maybe once or twice in her life.

Which is strange, since she's the current voice of the Walmart back-to-school TV ad campaign.

"I don't even own a TV," laughs Georgas in an interview from her East Vancouver home.

The spot has been running for several weeks across North America. Overtop images of worried moms packing kids off to college, Georgas sings a catchy little jingle in an almost childlike voice:

"Wherever you may go, no matter how unknown, don't ever feel alone. You've got a place to call home."

There's a glockenspiel chiming sweetly in accompaniment.

The ad is so popular that Walmart extended its run by a few weeks and made the song available for free download on its website.

Georgas wrote and recorded the 30-second jingle about two months ago with her producer, Ryan Guldemond (of Vancouver alt-rock band Mother Mother).

It took them all of about six hours. Three weeks ago they went back into the studio to record a complete three-minute version of Place Called Home. They're hoping to have it available soon on iTunes.

The Walmart commercial is a huge boost to Georgas's new career. The 27-year-old singer-songwriter released a six-song EP in January and is working on a full-length album for release in March.

A year ago, the native of Newmarket, Ont., was performing at open stages in Vancouver pubs.

Now Georgas is on a national tour with up-and-coming Vancouver band Said the Whale.

Her voice and style have been compared to Feist, another Canadian singer-songwriter who scored a smash hit with a TV commercial (1 2 3 4, for iPod).

Georgas's break came this summer in a small New York club called The Living Room.

"There was barely anybody in there watching me," she says. "There was a man who worked for a company called the Martin Agency. He came up to me and said, 'Hey, I really liked your set. Would you be interested in writing a jingle for Walmart?'

"And I said, 'Okay.'"

Appearing live

- Hannah Georgas opens for Canadian musician Danny Michel in Toronto for four nights in a row, starting tonight, at the Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W. Tickets at maplemusic.com.

Hannah Georgas, a native of Ontario who lives in Vancouver, has been compared to another Canadian musician, Feist.

Mix of Six

Metro taps into today's best entertainment and event picks

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THEATRE
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MUSIC
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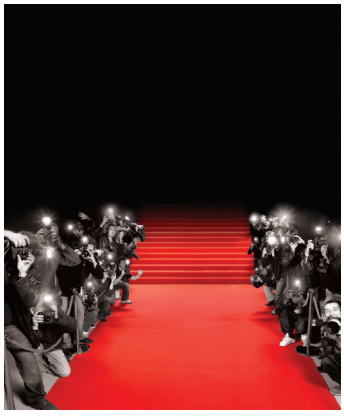

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Letterman's wife 'horribly hurt' by his behaviour

LATE NIGHT David Letterman acknowledged in his on-air apologies to his wife and staff for having sex with co-workers that he has his work cut out for him.

As Letterman mixed wisecracks with contrition, he said his wife, Regina Lasko, had been "horribly hurt by my behaviour" and stated flat-out that those affairs "are in the past."

The CBS late-night host vowed during Monday's show to repair his relationship with his wife, whom he married in March after a years-long courtship.

"Let me tell you folks, I got my work cut out for me," he said ruefully.

His apologies meant another big night in the ratings. The Nielsen Co.'s overnight measurement of the nation's 56 biggest markets netted Letterman's Late Show a 4.2 rating — higher than anything rival NBC had in prime-time.

Nielsen didn't immediately have an estimate of the size of Letterman's audience. The overnight rating was slightly less than Thursday's show, when 5.8 million people watched Letterman say he had been the victim of a $2 million blackmail threat that led him to reveal he had sex with staff members.

During the hour, Letterman apologized to his staff, which, he said, had been subjected to "being browbeaten and humiliated" by reporters since his revelations.

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David Letterman

Relationship

- Letterman, 62, began dating his wife, Regina Lasko, in 1986, and they have a son, Harry, who was born in 2003. All the affairs took place before Letterman's marriage, said a spokesman for Letterman's production company.

Canada, China co-production comes to OMNI channel

TV A new drama series about the intertwining lives of Chinese immigrants in Toronto is being billed as a rare television co-production between Canada and China.

Once Upon a Time in Toronto is a 20-part Mandarin-language series bound for the multicultural channel OMNI.

Set in Toronto, the subtitled drama follows various storylines involving a diverse group of people affected by a tragic car accident.

It stars Chinese actress and TV host Ni Ping (Snow in the Wind) and Vancouver's Lora Sun.

OMNI says the series is set to air on its channels in Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton and Ontario.

Once Upon a Time in Toronto debuts Oct. 17.

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Entertainment in brief

LIZ'S SURGERY Elizabeth Taylor says she's headed to the hospital for a heart procedure. The 77-year-old actress tells her followers on Twitter that she is to undergo a "very new" procedure to improve heart function that "involves repairing my leaky valve using a clip device" rather than open-heart surgery.

AWARD Kentucky is honouring native son George Clooney with an award from the governor. Clooney's parents, Nick and Nina Clooney, were at the Kentucky state capitol yesterday to receive the award on their son's behalf. The actor won the "national award" category in the 2009 Kentucky Governor's Awards in the Arts.

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Torrens examines TV

New show looks at the ever-evolving world of television

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
For Metro Canada

Jonathan Torrens is feeling "squishy" these days. But the 37-year-old Canadian television personality isn't referring to his waistline.

He's talking about something else that changes with age — the warm and fuzzy nostalgia he's grown for times and TV shows gone by.

That's why Torrens has returned from Los Angeles to live and work full-time in his home province of Nova Scotia, where he can pour his creative juices into projects he's passionate about and even work with family.

He and sister Jackie Torrens are co-writers for his latest venture, TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens, a weekly half-hour examination of the ever-evolving world of television that is produced in Halifax by Arcadia Entertainment and hits airwaves across the country this Friday.

RYAN TAPLIN/FOR METRO CANADA

Canadian television personality Jonathan Torrens will be hosting a new show called TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens, starting Friday.

"Everything nowadays is so cocked-eyebrow, smarmy, too-cool-for-the-room kind of stuff," Torrens said of television today. "To do a show that is . . . heartfelt about the history of TV (shows) . . . it doesn't make sense to cock your eyebrow and make fun of them."

Instead, Torrens takes an honest look at the shows we used to know and have come to know, with each of 13 episodes in his first season tackling a different genre, from reality television to paranormal and crime shows.

"I guess my question is, 'Was TV actually better when I was a kid, or am I just nostalgic for a simpler time in my life?' "

The truth about TV, he said, is "probably a combo platter," but Torrens doesn't "think that teenagers watching The Hills are moved in the same way that I was (watching) Family Ties."

The Charlottetown-born, Halifax-raised Torrens, himself a nostalgic figure for those who grew up watching Street Cents and Jonovision, wears "more hats" for his latest project, which includes his first kick at the can as director.

And while viewers can expect amusing skits and wit from TV with TV's JT, he warns not to expect all laughs, something he garnered easily as rapper wannabe J-Roc on the Trailer Park Boys.

"It's not a comedy show, it's a show about TV," he said.

Tune into Torrens

- Tune into TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens every Friday night on TVtropolis. The show repeats Saturdays at midnight.

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Johnny Mnemonic
There's a lesson to be learned from this 1995 sci-fi tale: Never send a boy to do a computer's job — i.e., transporting a big bunch of data embedded in his brain. Why? Well, computer meltdowns aren't fatal, but if this guy doesn't do a brain dump on time, he's dead. That's if the assorted gangsters and guerrillas who want what's in his head don't get him first. Actually, there's a second lesson: Not every sci-fi movie starring Keanu Reeves is worth your time. 8 AM on PIX

Tiger Island
This place is a zoo! No, really. This new seven-part series provides an armchair tour of the Isle of Wight Zoo, a privately owned facility dedicated to preserving endangered species. Tigers make up the bulk of the zoo's big cat collection, which also includes lions and jaguars, while the primate section's specialty is lemurs. For creepy-crawly fans, there's also a building housing snakes, lizards and spiders. 7 PM on TVO

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Penelope Cruz and her boyfriend, fellow Spanish actor Javier Bardem, are engaged, people.com reports. Cruz's rep had no comment and Bardem's rep said, "I really don't know, but would not be able to say anything even if I did." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Letterman's Hollywood love-in

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES Now David Letterman knows who his friends are — and there are plenty of them, people.com reports.

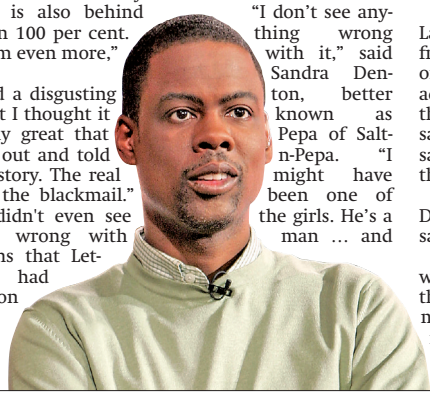
At the New York screening of the HBO documentary Good Hair, its star and co-director Chris Rock had nothing but the best to say about Letterman, blackmail scandal or no.

"He's the greatest host in the world," said Rock, 44, at The Cinema Society event sponsored by Target. "I would never make a disparaging comment about David Letterman."

Talk-show host Wendy Williams is also behind Letterman 100 per cent. "I like him even more," she said.

"He did a disgusting thing. But I thought it was really great that he came out and told his own story. The real crime is the blackmail."

Some didn't even see anything wrong with revelations that Letterman had carried on affairs with women who worked for him.



"I don't see anything wrong with it," said Sandra Denton, better known as Pepa of Salt-n-Pepa. "I might have been one of the girls. He's a man … and he's kind of cute!"

Susie Essman, who plays Larry David's foil and best friend's tough-as-nails wife on Curb Your Enthusiasm, admitted she hadn't thought Letterman was a saint before, but she also said people should treat the matter like adults.

"I wasn't like 'Oh, not Dave. It couldn't be!'" she said.

"He had a relationship with somebody. What's the big deal? He wasn't married. He wasn't cheating on his wife."

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Security called off at Jackson mausoleum

RIP Just weeks after his burial, the round-the-clock security at Michael Jackson's mausoleum appears to have been scaled back, according to TMZ.

Sources say the private security guards hired to monitor the site at Forest Lawn Memorial Park appear to have left, while Forest Lawn officials insist Jackson's mausoleum is still under 24-hour surveillance.

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Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila has a very specific activity in mind, and Ricky Martin has a pretty full day.

• @OfficialTila I need a tongue massage very badly right now. That would allow me to rest easy and be free from dark thoughts. TONGUE MASSAGE! GIVE IT 2 ME!

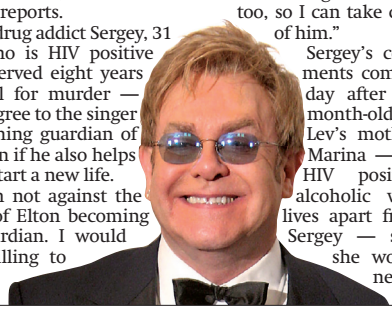
• @ricky_martin pool, lots of sun block, dirty diapers, nap, reading this sad article on children of war, & thinking on the fact that i hv 2 stop eating red meat

Now Elton can have kid for money … oh, and a place to live, dad says

THAT'S NICE Elton John can help a Ukrainian child if he financially supports the boy's father, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Ex-drug addict Sergey, 31 — who is HIV positive and served eight years in jail for murder — will agree to the singer becoming guardian of his son if he also helps him start a new life.

"I'm not against the idea of Elton becoming a guardian. I would be willing to meet him and talk about it," he said. "I don't mind my boy going to Britain to be with Elton — as long as I can go too, so I can take care of him."



Sergey's comments come a day after 15-month-old Lev's mother, Marina — an HIV positive alcoholic who lives apart from Sergey — said she would never give her son to Elton, 62, for money.

Lev and his brother Artyom, three, were taken to an orphanage in the town of Makeyevka after their parents were deemed unfit to look after them.

Shoemaker Sergey believes his family could be reunited. He added to Britain's The Sun newspaper: "I know Elton is a rich man. Maybe he could help Marina and me and the boys get an apartment so we could be a family again." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bublé pumps up before shows

LADIES LOVE IT Michael Bublé may be better known for his pipes than his pecs, but both get a workout when the Grammy winner gets set to sing. To clear out his sinuses before performing, "I do push-ups, it opens me up," the Canadian tells people.com.

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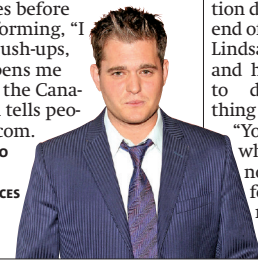

Lohan's daddy afraid of drugs

FATHERLY CONCERN Michael Lohan is afraid prescription drugs will be the end of his daughter, Lindsay Lohan, and he's vowing to do something about it.

"You know why Lindsay's not acting in feature films right now? Because she can't," he said. Because the girl with all the talent is hidden and buried deep inside this fungus that's grown because of the prescription drugs," he tells Radar Online. "I'm going to get her off the prescription drugs that she's on."

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Brooke Shields survives plane 'crash'

OOPS Brooke Shields and Jim Belushi survived a minor plane crash at the famous Hearst Castle a few days ago, TMZ reports.

The San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department tells TMZ Shields and Belushi were being flown to an event at the castle.

The Cessna prop plane landed safely, but the pilot forgot to set the parking brake after the plane came to a stop.

He was in the back helping the passengers when the plane rolled into a 2010 Buick SUV.

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Violet-eyed icon needs heart help

DAME ELIZABETH Elizabeth Taylor says she's headed to the hospital for a heart procedure.

The 77-year-old actress tells her followers on Twitter that she is to undergo a "very new" procedure to improve heart function that "involves repairing my leaky valve using a clip device" rather than open-heart surgery.

"Any prayers you happen to have lying around I would dearly appreciate," Taylor wrote yesterday, adding that she plans to inform her 157,389 Twitter followers when the procedure is complete.

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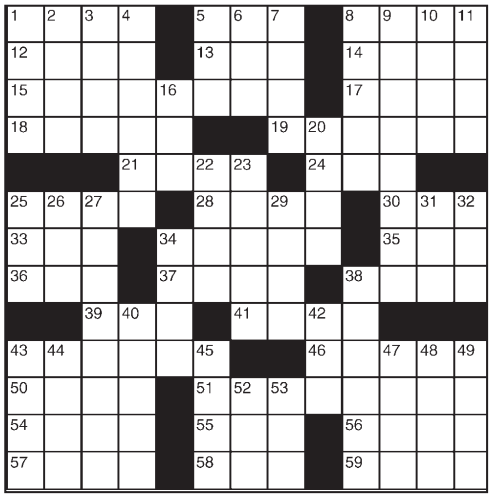

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Crab-Topped Fish Fillets

INGREDIENTS:
4 sole, orange roughy or cod fillets
1 can (6 oz/170 g) crabmeat, drained and flaked or 1 cup (250 ml) imitation crabmeat, chopped
1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup (125 ml) mayonnaise
1 tsp (5 ml) lemon juice
Paprika
1/3 cup (75 ml) slivered almonds, toasted

METHOD:
1. Place fillets in greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F (180 C) 18-22 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

2. Meanwhile, in bowl, combine crab, Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise and lemon juice.

3. Drain cooking juices from baking dish; spoon crab mixture over fillets. Broil 5 in. (13 cm) from heat for 5 minutes or until topping is lightly browned. Sprinkle with paprika and almonds.

SERVES 4

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A relationship that has suffered some neglect will be on your mind today. It can still be successful but only if you are prepared to work at it.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
What you say and do over the next 24 hours will determine the level of success you enjoy over the next few weeks.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Your ambitions may seem impractical to some but what do they know and what do you care? Get ahead and stay ahead.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are worrying for no good reason about how much something is going to cost. If it is what you truly desire then don't worry about the financial side.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
The message of the stars for you today is that you need to learn how to appreciate what you already possess.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your daily routine is making too many demands on your time and your energy and you need to find ways to break this negative cycle.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
What do you want out of life? Why are you not getting it? Most likely it's because you are spending too much time on matters of lesser importance.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Do partners and loved ones feel as good about themselves as you feel about yourself? Point out all the wonderful things they possess.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Keep in mind at all times that the things you focus on today are the things you will most likely be doing tomorrow, so don't limit your horizons.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Finances are under good stars at the moment and the advice you get from a trusted friend could make you some big bucks before the end of the year.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Do you fantasize about running away and starting again from scratch? Take charge of your life and make it so you don't need to run away. Do it today.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You're in one of your conspiracy moods and will go all out to discover what "the powers that be" are trying to keep from you.

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